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Whitehall, October 30.

THIS being the Prince of Wales's Birth-Day, His Royal Highneſs received the Compliments of the Nobility and other Perſons of Diſtinction, who made a very numerous and ſplendid Appearance: And at Night there were Illuminations and other Publick Demonſtrations of Joy.

Madrid Oct. 26, N. S. The King and Queen continue at the Palace of St. Ildefonſo, whither the Envoy of Portugal went on the 24th Inſtant, and by Order from his Court deſired his Catholick Majeſty to be Godfather to the young Prince of which the Queen of Portugal was lately delivered, which his Majeſty readily conſented to. The Prince of Macerano arriving ſome Days ago from Italy by the Way of France, obtained Leave to wait on their Catholick Majeſties the 23d and was very graciouſly received: It is ſaid he ſollicits the Employment of Maſter of the Horſe to the Princeſs of Aſturias, vacant by the Death of Prince Pio. We have Advice from Cadiz that the Marqueſs Mari with his Squadron is come in there; and that in his Cruiſe in the Mediterranean he ſpoke with two Men of War carrying the Emperour's Colours, which had under their Convoy three Merchant Ships from Trieſte in the Adriatick, bound for Lisbon.

Bruſſels, Nov. 3 N. S. The Count de Baillet, Preſident of the Council of Mechlin ſet out Yeſterday for Luxembourg, with a Commiſſion from the Marqueſs de Prié to aſſemble the States of that Province, and to require their Conſent to the ſettling the Succeſſion of the Auſtrian Netherlands on the Female Line, on Failure of the Male; to which the Provinces of Brabant and Flanders have already conſented. The ſaid Preſident in his Return is to make the like Propoſition to the States of the little Province of Mechlin: As is alſo the Duke of Aremberg to the Province of Hainault, and the Count of Lanoy to that of Namur, the 15th Inſtant. Which done, the reſpective Acts of Conſent of all the Provinces that compoſe the Auſtrian Netherlands, are to be tranſmitted to the Imperial Court. On the 1ſt Inſtant Prince Kurakin arrived here.

Gohre, Nov. 2, N. S. Credentials are ſent from hence to Mr. Horatio Walpole at the Court of France, to act as His Majeſty's Miniſter Plenipotentiary during his Stay there. Moſt of the foreign Miniſters who were at Hanover, are come hither to pay their Court to His Majeſty: viz. The Marqueſs de Pozzobuono Ambaſſadour Extraordinary from the King of Spain, M. Chavigny Miniſter from the moſt Chriſtian King, M. Wallenrodt Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Pruſſia, M. Lewenhor Miniſter from the King of Denmark, M. Peſters Miniſter from the States General, the Marqueſs de Cortanze Miniſter from the King of Sardinia, and M. de Marquietti Miniſter from the Duke of Parma. The King of Pruſſia is expected here by the 4th Inſtant.

Navy-Office, October 28, 1723.

The Principal Officers and Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy, obſerving in the Comptrolling the Payments of Ships, and Paying upon the Liſt of Arrears, that ſeveral Letters of Attorney and other Powers of old Dates are produced for receiving Seamens Wages, and it being probable that many of the Parties who executed the ſame are dead, as well as ſome to whom the ſaid Letters of Attorney, &c. were made: To prevent therefore for the future, as much as poſſible, any Abuſes His Majeſty or His Subjects may be expoſed to thereby, or by falſe Powers, ſeveral of which have been detected; Theſe are to give Notice, That no Wages, for any Man's Service in His Majeſty's Ships, will be paid where the Perſon does not appear himſelf (or the Witneſſes to his Letter of Attorney) by any Power but ſuch as ſhall be Witneſſed by two or more Commiſſioned or Warrant Officers of His Majeſty's Ships in which they ſerve, or by two or more of the Officers of His Majeſty's Yards, or by the Mayor or two or more of the Magiſtrates of ſome Corporation, or by the Miniſter and Church-Wardens of the Pariſh, (where the other cannot be had,) or here in London by a Publick Notary, or ſome of the Officers or Clerks of the Navy; and all Attornies are to give good and ſufficient Proof that the Perſons are living for whom they receive the Money by Virtue of ſuch Powers, or produce new Letters of Attorney for ſuch living Perſons atteſted in the Manner aforeſaid.

Navy-Office, October 28, 1723.

Theſe are to give Notice, that on Wedneſday the 11th Day of December next in the Morning, the Commiſſioners of His Majeſty's Navy will be ready to treat with ſuch Perſons as are willing to undertake the Serving His Majeſty's Yards at Deptford, Woolwich, Chatham, Sheerneſs and Plymouth, with Ironmongers Wares on a ſtanding Contract, or Contracts, that they may attend with their Propoſals at this Office the Time abovementioned.

Notice is hereby given by Order of the Right Honourable the Lord Marqueſs of Carmarthen, Governour of the Company of the Mine Adventurers of England, That a General Court of the ſaid Company will be held at Stationer's-Hall, London, on Thurſday the 14th Day of November Inſtant, at Ten of the Clock in the Forenoon, in order to elect a Governour, Deputy-Governour and Twelve Directors of the ſaid Company for the Year enſuing; and that the Transfer Books of the ſaid Company will be ſhut from Tueſday the 12th to Saturday the 16th Day of the ſaid Month of November.

By Order of the Governour,

Martin O Connor, *Secr.*

York-Buildings Houſe, October 31, 1723.

The Governour and Company of Undertakers for Raiſing the Thames Water in York-Buildings give Notice, That their Managers will begin the Work of Cutting off the Tickets for their preſent Lottery into their reſpective Boxes A *and* B, *on Wedneſday the 6th of November next, at their Publick Hall in Wincheſter-ſtreet, by Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon, proceeding in the firſt Place with the Benefit Tickets which are to be cut into Box* B, *and ſo continue the Work of Cutting till all the Tickets for each of the Boxes* A *and* B *ſhall be compleatly cut therein. The ſaid Lottery will begin Drawing in their ſaid Hall on Thurſday the 7th of November next, at Nine of the Clock in the Forenoon. The ſaid Governour and Company further give Notice, to ſuch Perſons as have paid for and not yet taken out their Tickets in the ſaid Lottery, That they do take out the ſame on or before the 6th of November next, and that they will hold a Court of Aſſiſtants at their ſaid Houſe on Monday the 4th of the ſaid November, when ſuch Proprietors as have not yet taken out Tickets on their Stock, are deſired to make Application for taking out the ſame; and that ſuch Tickets as ſhall then remain undiſpoſed of, will be ſtood for Account of the ſaid Governour and Company, and that an exact Liſt of the Numbers thereof will be poſted up in their ſaid Hall.*